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## GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM N E W S L E T T E R

**INSIDE G.R.E.A.T.** by Special Agent in Charge Frank Spizuoco

As I reflect on the thousands of people I've met during the almost 5 years I've been associated with the G.R.E.A.T. Program, I am struck by the common philosophies that bind us. We have all chosen to walk down a path that is not an easy one. We are in a profession that inherently dictates enforcement of the law, apprehension of the criminal, and social order. We live in a violent world and have chosen a profession that exposes us to that violence. At any time, we can be the canvas or the brush. Yet we choose to embrace the belief that when people give in to violence, they admit defeat of the mind.

So, why then have we chosen to dedicate our lives to keep kids out of gangs and strive to provide these children with alternatives to violent behavior? The answers to that question are as numerous as the reasons why children gravitate toward gangs. I believe the thread that binds us together is the overwhelming desire to save the youth of our country and leave behind a positive legacy for future law enforcement officers to build upon.

I recall a conversation I had a few years ago with a senior law enforcement official of a large Eastern police department. This officer was one of the first beat cops to go into a patrol car in compliance with the new and innovative police philosophy of "rapid response." That was the first insipid step toward losing touch with the people we are sworn to serve and protect. I do not blindly endorse the old saying "if it isn't broke, don't fix it." However, change for the sake of change is not

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**G.R.E.A.T.**

*The man walks in,  
Dressed from head  
to toe in black,  
We stare at the gun,  
And hush,  
He smiles,  
And explains the  
day's lesson,  
We relax,  
We open up our  
books,  
And our hearts,  
Talking,  
Laughing,  
Learning,  
Gangs are bad,  
Drugs are wrong,  
Respect is impor-  
tant,  
Love is valued,  
Goals are essential,  
And so much more.  
He's one of us now,  
Joking,  
Teasing,  
But always respect-  
ing,  
We trust him,  
And each other,  
For that brief time,  
All is well*

**Hello Fellow G.R.E.A.T. Officers!**

by Officer Robert DiNardo

My name is Officer Robert DiNardo and I have been teaching the G.R.E.A.T. Program in our city for the past 4 years. I am a police officer for the City of Danbury, Connecticut and have been for the past 17 years. More than 1,000 seventh grade students have participated in the G.R.E.A.T. Program in our two middle schools, and everyone of them have graduated and received a G.R.E.A.T. graduation diploma.

During the course of teaching the G.R.E.A.T. Program, I have received many thank you notes and letters of appreciation from students, teachers, and parents. One particular poem I received from a young lady really caught my eye, and upon reading, it is the reason I hope to continue to teach the G.R.E.A.T. Program for many years to come!

I would like to share this poem with the rest of our G.R.E.A.T. family. This student, Miss Julia Silvestri, was very quiet in class. She always answered questions when asked and she went out of her way to have the lesson of the day always focus on her remarks in class.

Sometimes as a G.R.E.A.T. officer, I wonder to myself how much are these students paying attention to what I am teaching, or if they really care about what I am trying to get across to them. I found both of these answers out after I read Julia's poem. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did, because it represents all of us.

G.R.E.A.T.L.Y. yours,  
Officer Robert DiNardo  
Danbury Police Department  
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Miss Julia Silvestri  
Broadview Middle  
School  
Danbury, Connecticut

## Make a Difference! Have a G.R.E.A.T. Summer

by Sgt. Kirk Simmons

Because of our social and family ties, the career path that we have chosen for ourselves, and the mark we want to leave on society, we have all felt, at one time or another, that the youth of our community will make us or break us. Our kids have the potential to be positive influences within our communities, or to wonder aimlessly, sometimes out of control, without the tools to understand or improve their situation.

Law enforcement has traditionally taken a reactive approach to this problem, knowing in our hearts that this technique will not make the problem go away. Now, police departments throughout the country are seeking ways to stem the growing juvenile and gang problems that have ensnared many communities.

Tucson, Arizona, encompasses 180 square miles and is the home to more than 758,000 citizens within the metropolitan area. The median age of a Tucson resident is 32.8 years of age and the ethnic breakdown is primarily 68.2 percent White, 24.5 percent Hispanic, 2.9 percent Black and 2.6 percent Native American. Tucson is 60 miles from the Mexican border, 500 miles from Los Angeles, California, and 400 miles from El Paso, Texas. There is an acknowledged gang problem in Arizona, and Tucson has taken a proactive stand to try and prevent a youth gang problem from infecting our community.

The Tucson Police Department has had a formal School Resource Officer Program in place for 20 years. Each officer is responsible for enforcement activities and educational programs in one middle school and up to six feeder elementary schools. We have never had the D.A.R.E. Program or any other

structured curriculum dictate our methodology. The majority of the in-school education programs have been individually prepared or substantially modified over the years to meet the needs of the students. Documentation of structured curriculum has been lacking and no tracking mechanism

has been in place to establish validation of the individual efforts of the officers.



**“The Gang Resistance Education And Training Program has been introduced in Tucson, Arizona, at a pivotal time in the lives of our children.”**

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## FY-97 G.R.E.A.T. OFFICER TRAINING SCHEDULE UPDATE

### 40-Hour Classes

**Baltimore, Maryland**  
February 10 - 14, 1997

**Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania**  
February 3 - 7, 1997  
April 7 - 11, 1997  
May 19 - 23, 1997

**Northern Virginia**  
July 14 - 18, 1997  
August 11 - 15, 1997

**Phoenix, Arizona**  
July 14 - 18, 1997

### 80-Hour Classes

**Georgia**  
July 21 - August 1, 1997

**Northern Virginia**  
March 3 - 14, 1997  
April 28 - May 9, 1997  
June 9 - 20, 1997  
September 8 - 19, 1997

### **Training Sites to be Announced**

April 28 - May 9, 1997  
June 9 - 20, 1997  
July 21 - August 1, 1997

This is a *tentative* listing of all up-coming GOT's. To get the latest updates on class availability, call Management Assistant Stephanie Christian at 1-800-726-7070.

The availability and locations of these classes can change quickly. If you have access to the Internet, check out our web site for daily updates to the GOT schedule at: <http://www.atf.treas.gov/great/great.htm>

### **G.R.E.A.T. Thoughts**

by Sgt. Larry Derocher



Greetings from sunny downtown Phoenix. Since the last newsletter, things have kept us hopping! As I write this, we are preparing to conduct trainings at FEMA in Virginia and Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

As I reflect on the past, we sure have come a long way since the inception of this program. We have tried to build a strong foundation. We have trained well over 2,100 officers and are currently expanding and offering 25 training classes this fiscal year.

When you first went through the G.R.E.A.T. program, we tried to instill many things in you such as "trust the process," "look for your heart," and "prepare, prepare, prepare." I hope that you continue to do these things for each class that you prepare to teach. Continue to teach the lessons in the manner in which you were taught, ensuring the continued integrity of the G.R.E.A.T. Program.



## Let's Do It Together!

by Special Agent in Charge Thomas L. Schneider

Special Agent Frank Spizuoco has long been a good friend of mine and I have frequently marveled about how hard he worked and how dedicated he has been. You all know how enthusiastically he worked to make the Gang Resistance Education And Training Program a real success. Like all of you, I will miss not having Frank around, however, like very few of you, I will miss his institutional knowledge of this program.

Hello, my name is Tom Schneider. I am the new guy on this block and may very well have the biggest challenge of my career as I am the new Special Agent in Charge of the ATF G.R.E.A.T. Program Branch. Frank wrote a very inspiring article in this edition and it is a true reflection of how he feels. I have had many conversations with him over the past 10 years. I come from a completely different culture (Frank is from New York and was an officer in the Air Force; I am from Kentucky and was a Sergeant in the Marine Corps) however, we share the same ideals about law enforcement and we have many of the same hopes for the continued growth of this valuable program.

Since Frank came to Headquarters to establish ATF's G.R.E.A.T. Program, he and I spoke frequently and our conversations always turned to the G.R.E.A.T. Program which consumed his life. So in October when I was asked if I would take the program over, I felt I had some idea of what this job entailed. I am now of the opinion that I really knew very little about G.R.E.A.T.

And that is why I am going to call upon all of you to help me continue the growth of this program in the tradition established by the National Training Com-

mittee and Frank's dedication and leadership. I invite everyone to send us your suggestions or opinions about this program and how you think the National Training Committee or ATF could improve the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

Your ideas and feelings can be addressed to me in any format. Management Analyst Jo Ann Kenison has provided an E-mail option should you wish to communicate via the Internet or you can write to us at the address listed below.

We will listen and we will respond to every one of your suggestions. This is *your* program as much as it is ours, and we want to continue to do this together!

*Please send your comments and suggestions to :*

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**Make A Difference!**

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The Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program has been introduced in Tucson, Arizona, at a pivotal time in the lives of our children. Decisions must be made and parents or responsible adults may not always be around to educate them or provide reasonable answers.

Although we all agree that the G.R.E.A.T. Program is an effective year-round gang awareness tool, this article is intended to focus on the creativity allowed through the implementation of the summer component.

The Tucson Police Department's G.R.E.A.T. Summer Component runs 6 hours per day, 5 days per week for 6 consecutive weeks through the middle of the summer. We accept 250 middle school students for our five designated school sites throughout the metropolitan area.



In addition to the classroom training, the students experience many of the opportunities available within the community. The Tucson Police Department has entered into a partnership with Tucson Parks and Recreation, local businesses, social clubs, and other organizations, all of which have a vested interest in the well being of the citizens, particularly the youth of Tucson. The ob-

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**ATF Goes On-Line!**

by Management Analyst Jo Ann Kenison

The ATF G.R.E.A.T. Program Branch now has E-mail capability, on-line, with the World Wide Web. Anyone with Internet capability can now send us E-mail transmissions via their computer.

Those of you who are cyber savvy are probably wondering what took us so long? With all the break-ins thru firewalls and web site manipulations going on these days, we wanted to ensure the integrity of the G.R.E.A.T. Program's network. After months of designing, analyzing and configuring, we finally established a link with Main Treasury's E-mail system designed with the latest firewall protection technology.

When you visit our home page, you'll be pleased to see I've added this E-mail link to our G.R.E.A.T. web site. By clicking on our E-mail address located at the top of every page, you can instantly send us an E-mail message. This is also a great way to send news articles to me for upcoming G.R.E.A.T. News publications.

Please take advantage of this new technology. We're striving to improve our marketing strategy for G.R.E.A.T. and as always, want to hear what you think!

**great@atfhq.atf.treas.gov**

## A G.R.E.A.T. Bunch of Professionals

by Branch Chief Dorothy Talavera

Some of the questions the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms gets asked most frequently by police departments are as follows:

Is G.R.E.A.T. approved for post certification? Can G.R.E.A.T. count toward obtaining an advanced degree? Does certification qualify our G.R.E.A.T. officers to teach other things?

ATF has been listening to our customers. They tell us they want nationally certified instructors who are graduates of a fully accredited instructor training institutions. They believe this will add to their department's credibility and prestige in the national training arena.

**ACCREDITATION** ATF has applied for national accreditation by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) on behalf of G.R.E.A.T. Officer Training (GOT). Upon successful completion of this process, we will be granted the authority to issue validated Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for GOT.

**CERTIFICATION** G.R.E.A.T. graduates who meet eligibility standards for instructional knowledge and classroom competence are eligible to apply for national instructor certification under the sponsorship of ATF. This certification is administered by a subsidiary of the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

**WHY ARE WE DOING IT?** Accreditation and certification are public recognition, by independent national bodies, that a training program and its graduates have voluntarily submitted themselves to an evaluative comparison with established qualifications and standards. It is a process that provides professional judgment of quality and encourages continuing improvement.

For more information, contact the Chief of Instructional Systems,  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms at 1-800-726-7070.

### Inside G.R.E.A.T. ....

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the best approach either.

Thirty years later, the new "innovative" police philosophy is "community policing." Law enforcement agencies are developing strategies to re-establish positive one-to-one relationships with the people they are sworn to serve and protect. Sounds like the law enforcement professionals want to put the cop back on the beat, at least in a metaphysical sense.

As we scurry into the next millennium, I pray that we are not condemned to repeat the past because we forgot what was successful.

I am so fortunate to have been afforded the opportunity to participate in a program as worthwhile as G.R.E.A.T. and to have met so many dedicated wonderful people.

The future for our youth is brighter because you have translated caring into action.



## From Our House to the White House

by Special Agent Pete Merenyi

On October 21, 1996, a request was received from the White House to brief the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, Ms. Carol Rasco and her staff on the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

The Domestic Policy Council is responsible for coordinating the domestic policy making process; coordinating domestic policy advice to the President; ensuring that domestic policy decisions and programs are consistent with the President's stated goals; ensuring that those goals are being effectively pursued; and monitoring the implementation of the President's domestic policy agenda. Ms. Rasco requested a briefing on the G.R.E.A.T. Program and wanted to observe a G.R.E.A.T. lesson being taught in a school in Reno, Nevada.

What an opportunity! Someone in the White House who has the President's ear actually inquiring about the G.R.E.A.T. Program! Needless to say, the G.R.E.A.T. Program Branch was quick to respond. With only a few days' notice, preparation began immediately as the phones in Reno lit up like the National Christmas Tree. Lucky for us, the Reno Police Department was teaching the G.R.E.A.T. Program, but was someone going to be teaching on the Friday that Ms. Rasco and her staff were going to be there? Absolutely! Reno P.D. Officer/G.R.E.A.T. Instructor Ramon Barboza was teaching lesson #6 at Clayton Middle School. We couldn't have asked for a better instructor to represent the G.R.E.A.T. Program before the White House!

Everything was going smoothly; a meeting was set up with Reno Police Chief Jim Weston at Police Headquarters at 9:30 a.m., and then it was off to Clayton Middle School to see Officer

Barboza teach at 10:45 a.m. Attending the meeting with the Reno P.D. were the following:

Jim Weston, Chief of Police  
Reno P.D.

Jake Wiskerchen, Lieutenant,  
Community Services, Reno P.D.  
Frank Spizuoco, Special Agent in  
Charge, ATF G.R.E.A.T. Program  
Branch, Washington, D.C.

Pete Merenyi, Special Agent, ATF  
G.R.E.A.T. Program Branch,  
Washington, D.C.

Robert Stewart, ATF Reno Field Office  
Ms. Carol Rasco, Assistant to the  
President

Ms. Lynn Hogan, Assistant to  
Ms. Rasco

Special Agents Spizuoco and Merenyi gave briefings on the G.R.E.A.T. Program and Chief Weston gave a briefing on Reno's involvement with G.R.E.A.T. The meeting was very well received, and everything was right on schedule. We then traveled to Clayton Middle School where Ms. Rasco and Ms. Hogan observed Reno P.D. Officer/G.R.E.A.T. Instructor Ramon Barboza teach Lesson #6 to a 7th grade class. Ms. Rasco was so impressed that she stayed after and had a roundtable discussion with several of the students, the teacher, and Officer Barboza.

We then met with school officials, who had high praise for Officer Barboza and the G.R.E.A.T. Program. On the way back to the hotel, I asked Ms. Rasco if the President knew about the G.R.E.A.T. Program, to which she replied "not as much as he's going to."

Hats off to the Reno P.D. and Officer Barboza for helping make the

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## G.R.E.A.T. Statistics to Report From Florida!

by Deputy James Verity

I have compiled statistical charts for my school, showing the crime rate per year at Conway Middle School in Orlando, Florida. In 1995, a small portion of the 8th graders (20%) and 7th graders (25%) were G.R.E.A.T. graduates. In 1996, a portion of the

8th graders (25%) and all of the 7th graders were G . R . E . A . T . graduates.

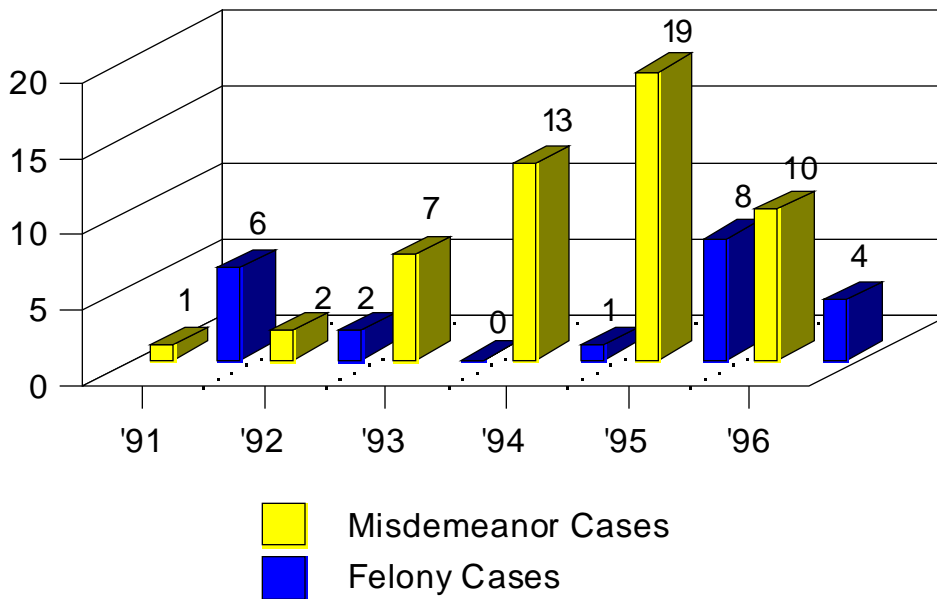
This year in 1997, all of the 7th and 8th graders are G.R.E.A.T. graduates.

My school has an average population of 1,500 students. Gang activity was on the rise, peaking in 1995. Since then, it has been on a very noticeable decline on campus.

I'd like to think that the G.R.E.A.T. Program has had a significant impact on the decline of campus gang activity.

### Conway Middle School

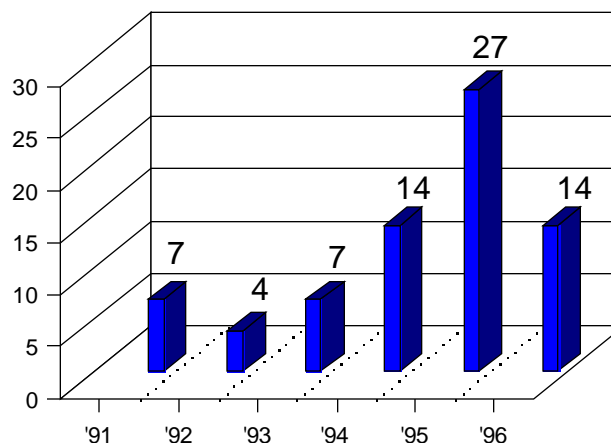
Criminal Statistics



Students Charged With Crimes

1991 - 1996

This chart displays the total number of students charged with crimes and referred to the court system for criminal prosecution for the years 1991 thru 1996.



SINCERELY,

DEPUTY JAMES W.  
VERITY  
SCHOOL RESOURCE  
OFFICER AT  
CONWAY MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

## G.R.E.A.T. National Training Team Listing

by Management Analyst Jo Ann Kenison

**In an effort to provide a national G.R.E.A.T. quality assistance support network, we are providing our readers with a list of the G.R.E.A.T. Program's National Training Team (NTT) members. Our NTT members are a great resource with a wealth of information and classroom experience. Please feel free to contact them with any concerns you may have involving the program.**

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**Feel free to contact****any member****of the****G.R.E.A.T. National****Training Team****for more information****on the****G.R.E.A.T. Program**

## **I.A.C.P. G.R.E.A.T. JACKET GIVEWAY WINNERS!**

**Congratulations to Chief Dennis L. Samples of the El Reno, Oklahoma, Police Department and Chief Thomas K. Hayselden of the Shawnee, Kansas, Police Department for being the winners of the questionnaire raffle from the G.R.E.A.T. Booth. They will both receive a beautiful leather G.R.E.A.T. bomber jacket and a set of G.R.E.A.T. golf balls.**

**Also, thanks to everyone who took the time to stop by the G.R.E.A.T. booth and fill out the questionnaire. We appreciate your support and look forward to doing it again in Orlando!**

**White House**

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meeting such a huge success.

Thanks also to Ms. Carol Rasco for taking the time to personally observe a lesson being taught. It is easy to see why this program has achieved the success that it has, what with officers like Ramon Barboza teaching.

It was truly heartwarming to hear all the good things being said about the "G.R.E.A.T. officer" at the school. Keep up the good work Ramon!!

## Conference Clips

by Social Agent Pete Merenyi

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference was held in Phoenix, Arizona, from October 26 - 31, 1996. Billed as "Desert Fiesta 1996" it was a fiesta indeed for the G.R.E.A.T. Program! Who could have asked for a more appropriate setting to announce the preliminary results of the National Evaluation of G.R.E.A.T.? Who could have asked for a better place to hold a G.R.E.A.T. workshop? Who could have asked for a nicer place to be than in Phoenix in October?

This was the IACP's 103rd Annual Conference, and it was a record breaker! Attendance exceeded 12,000 with more than 520 companies and agencies exhibiting. One of those 520 was the G.R.E.A.T. Program. We were looking good with our new display booth and tower; you could see us from clear across the convention floor! The ATF G.R.E.A.T. Branch, the Phoenix Police Department, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center teamed up to staff the display throughout the conference.

There was a lot of interest in G.R.E.A.T. and lots of "G.R.E.A.T." new faces as well as some familiar one's.

In order to track the number of people coming by the booth, we raffled off a G.R.E.A.T. leather bomber jacket and a dozen G.R.E.A.T. golf balls. The response was tremendous. Hundreds of police chiefs left business cards and answered our questionnaire for a shot at the jacket and the golf balls. As expected, the G.R.E.A.T. golf balls were a big hit in Arizona. Everyone who entered the raffle will receive followup letters, and information packets will go to those departments who don't have the program.

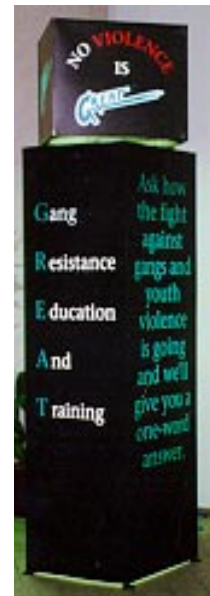
On the 29th of October, there was a 90-minute G.R.E.A.T.

Panel and Workshop hosted by Frank Spizuoco (ATF), Steve Kearns (FLETC), Gerald Richard (Phoenix P.D.), and Finn-Aage Esbensen (University of Nebraska). The workshop consisted of an overview of G.R.E.A.T. and a discussion of the evaluation results. Turnout was very good (approximately 70 attended), and the presentation was very well received.

Displays,  
raffles,  
workshops,  
what else?

How about a press conference! That's right, G.R.E.A.T. was the focus of a press conference announcing the results of the National Evaluation. In attendance were John Magaw, Director of ATF, Dennis A. Garrett, Chief of Police, Phoenix P.D., and Jeremy Travis, Director of the National Institute of Justice.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this years' conference a success. And a special thanks goes to the Phoenix Police Department for their assistance and hospitality. Most of all, we would like to thank all of the G.R.E.A.T. officers across the nation, whose tireless efforts and dedication have given the program it's success. Without you, there wouldn't have been a positive evaluation, press conference, workshop, or any reason for us to take part in the IACP! Thank you.



Look out  
Orlando--  
the site of  
next year's  
I A C P !



## On The Marketing Horizon

by Special Agent Pete Merenyi

Be sure to look for the G.R.E.A.T. booth at the following events this year:

**Alternatives to Expulsion, Suspension & Dropping Out of School National Conference**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
JANUARY 16-18, 1997

**G.R.E.A.T. Presentation**

BILLINGS, MONTANA  
JANUARY 29, 1997

**Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Annual Youth Gang Symposium**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
FEBRUARY 6-8, 1997

**Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay**

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
APRIL 12-13, 1997

**National Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals Conference**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
APRIL 12-16, 1997

**Alaska Peace Officers Association**

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
MAY 5-9, 1997

**National Sheriffs Association**

MARIETTA, GEORGIA  
JUNE 22-26, 1997

**National Association of School Resource Officers**

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA  
JULY 27- AUG 1, 1997

**Fraternal Order of Police National Conference**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
AUGUST 4-7, 1997

**Gangs, Schools and Community National Conference**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 25-27, 1997

**International Association of Chiefs of Police**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
OCTOBER 25-30, 1997

## Make A Difference !

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jectives of this collaboration are to provide Tucson youth with alternative opportunities to occupy their summers and to offer education regarding available resources for potential career enrichment. We also hope to establish a higher level of community awareness and responsibility through recreational planning and highly visible media coverage.

The G.R.E.A.T. Summer Program succeeds because we offer educational and recreational entertainment supported by safety and structure. We establish rules that are explained and enforced. The Tucson Police Department, in conjunction with Tucson Parks and Recreation, directs the program and enforces the rules as a team. The students follow a dress code that is neutral, reasonable,

and easy to interpret. The need to respect the rights and feelings of others is paramount and is reinforced to the students and the parents.

This type of program and the partnerships that are developing with other city departments will become an important part of city planning in the years to come. Our success is based upon our ability to educate our youth about the long-range effects of gangs. We hope to give them enough information to make intelligent decisions about their futures. We want the graduates of our program to become the information network, delivering sound logic and peer support to help others avoid the gang involvement that ultimately becomes the reactive element.

## Cooperative Agreement Process

by Management Analyst Charlene Lane

Are you responsible for processing the paperwork to receive reimbursement from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' G.R.E.A.T. funding for Cooperative Agreement cities?

Are you the "new kid on the block?" Are Cooperative Agreement reimbursement documents dumped on you and you have no idea what to do? In order for ATF to expedite your reimbursement claim, you must have all the paperwork completed. To make life easier and reimbursement quicker, call your ATF representative at (800) 726-7070.

Below is a list of Cooperative Agreement cities and ATF representatives responsible for assisting you. If your Cooperative Agreement representative is unavailable, contact another one of our in-house experts, Management Analyst Charlene Lane.

### Special Agent in Charge Tom Schneider

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(National and Local)

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Wilmington, Delaware  
New Castle, Delaware  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Portland, Oregon

### Special Agent Pete Merenyi

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Torrance, California  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Kansas City, Kansas  
Leavenworth, Kansas  
Carson City, Nevada  
Douglas County, Nevada  
North Las Vegas, Nevada  
Reno, Nevada  
Washoe County, Nevada  
Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska  
State of Colorado

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Bernalillo, New Mexico  
Farmington, New Mexico  
Rio Rancho, New Mexico